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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 03-145242, published June 20, 1991, with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 06-52081, published February 25, 1994, with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 03-294949, published December 26, 1991, with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 61-63139, published April 1, 1986, with English Abstract.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 07-143133, published June 2, 1995. This reference was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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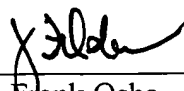
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